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it was with reference to a bill...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of the kind we have before us, then he's stupid. But if, on the other hand, he was writing it with reference to a bill that purported to impinge on the power of Congress, then he's correct in that regard about the state not being able to prohibit Congress from doing these things. I intend to work with Senator Wickersham and Senator Quandahl this morning on every amendment that they bring up. I'll help them take some time discussing them. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. And I also have no interest in delaying final consideration of this bill. I was not aware that the amendment was going to be reoffered; but if it is, I think that's a good amendment. If I could ask Senator Schimek if she would yield to a question, please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek, would you yield.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Schimek, is this...was this bill based a good deal off of Oklahoma?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. Are you aware that the statute in Oklahoma says that a private prison contractor may contract with the federal government or another state to provide for housing, care and control of minimum or medium secure inmates?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That may be, Senator. When we worked on the bill, we obviously didn't include everything that the Oklahoma statutes did. We worked closely with the Department of Corrections in putting this together, and so we used input from them as well. And as I recall, that wasn't in our original